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1.VISIT OF GREEK PARLIAMENTARIANS CONTINUES AT BRISK PACE.
WE BELIEVE POST ALREADY AWARE GROUP INTRODUCED ON SENATE
FLOOR BY SENATOR EAGLETON--ACCOUNT APPEARED IN CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD. THEIR MEETING WITH VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER LAS-
TED ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS.

2.THE GROUP WAS WELL-RECEIVED IN TARPON SPRINGS. THEY WERE
GIVEN KEY TO CITY AND WELCOMED BY MAYOR AND GROUP OF YOUNG
GIRLS IN NATIVE GREEK DRESS. MR. PAPASPYROU MADE HOUR AND
A HALF SPEECH AT CATHEDRAL FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS WHICH WAS
REPORTEDLY WELL-RECEIVED. TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP FOUND LONG-
LOST COUSINS LIVING IN TARPON SPRINGS. WE ARE AWARE THAT
THERE WAS PRESS AND TV COVERAGE IN ST. PETERSBURG AND CLEAR-
WATER AREA AND ARE ENDEAVORING TO GET TAPES AND CLIPPINGS.

3.GROUP IS NOW IN NEW ORLEANS--WE EXPECT THEY WERE MADE
HONORARY CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA AND NEW ORLEANS THIS MORNING
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BUT HAVE NO CONFIRMATION.

4.MR. ANAGNOSTOPOULOS WILL NOT RETURN TO ATHENS WITH
GROUP. MR. PAPAIOANNOU'S DATE OF RETURN IS ALSO UNCERTAIN.
MSSRS. PAPASPYROU, GALENIANOS AND GIATRAKOS WILL ARRIVE
ATHENS MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 9:15 A.M. VIA TWA FLIGHT
880. ROBINSON

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